

Transportation/Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 2009
2:08 P.M.
Third Floor, City Hall

Present: **Chair:** **CM Fleming**
 Members: **CM Benson, CM Owen, CW Green, CM Johnson & CM Engel**
Absent: **CW Ward-Pugh (excused absence)**

Also Present: **CM Downard & CW Welch**

Chairman Fleming announced the members of the committee who were present. A quorum was established.

Special Items For Discussion

1- **STREET SWEEPING - TED PULLEN, PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS**

Discussion: Ted Pullen, Public Works and Assets, along with Keith Hackett, Solid Waste Management, gave an overview and presented information to the committee relevant to the current Street Sweeping Program, as requested by CM Blackwell. CM Johnson had the questions and concerns as posed by CM Blackwell, since he was unable to attend the committee meeting. The following was discussed:

- Urban Street Sweeping
 - Funded at a level of 2 sweeps and 1 junk pick up
- Suburban Street Sweeping
 - Funded at a level of 3 sweeps
 - Areas of coverage
 - West
 - Central
 - East
 - Contractor used
- Duration of Sweeps
 - Start at end of September
 - End thru the end of December
- Grass cutting
 - Public Works has assumed State related projects

Pending Legislation

2- **R-166-08-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A \$100,000.00 GRANT FOR A BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN EDUCATION, ENCOURAGEMENT, ENFORCEMENT AND EVALUATION PROJECT (STATE PO NUMBER PO2-628-0900022387).**

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: Tom Owen

Motion to approve made by CM Johnson and seconded by CM Benson

Discussion: Dirk Gowin, Executive Administrator with Public Works and Transportation Planning, spoke to all proposed Resolutions before the committee. He stated Public Works has been trying to increase funding towards education efforts and these resolutions were grants in those additional funding efforts provided through the State and KIPDA. This was a bicycle education program for cyclists and traffic education for youth in elementary schools, by teaching them traffic laws

and how to ride a bike safely along bike routes. Other programs included were for Thunder Over Louisville, Bike to Work Week, Hike and Bike, as well as adding bike racks to various locations, public service announcements, ad campaigns and bike route maps. Evaluations are performed to determine how many cyclists are using the roads/routes, how to improve safety, and how to determine what the future needs will be in these efforts.

CM Owen mentioned his efforts towards cycling and pedestrian safety on his website, which is tom.owen@louisvilleky.gov.

By unanimous voice vote, the Resolution was approved.

The item was sent to CONSENT CALENDAR.

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[R-167-08-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A \\$973,900.00 GRANT FOR A RIVER ROAD CORRIDOR BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT \(STATE PO NUMBER PO2-628-0900022397\).](#)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: Tom Owen

The item was HELD IN COMMITTEE.

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[R-172-08-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A \\$300,000.00 GRANT FOR A WALKABLE COMMUNITIES IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT \(STATE PO NUMBER PO2-628-0900022390\).](#)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: David Tandy

Motion to approve made by CW Green and seconded by CM Owen

Discussion: Dirk Gowin stated the grant was for sidewalks located at certain areas along Dixie Highway, Shelbyville Road and Newburg Road. At this time, Public Works is preparing a Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan which would guide where to construct additional sidewalks. The plan is anticipated to be completed by the end of October.

By unanimous voice vote, the Resolution was approved.

The item was sent to CONSENT CALENDAR.

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[R-174-08-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A \\$170,000.00 GRANT FOR A MEYZEEK MIDDLE SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM \(STATE PO NUMBER PO2-628-09000232280\).](#)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: David Tandy

Motion to approve made by CW Green and seconded by CM Owen

Discussion: Dirk Gowin stated the Safe Routes to School program was a Federally funded program intended to encourage middle school aged children to walk or bike to school. The Meyzeek school project involves sidewalks, curbing, traffic signal beacon, pedestrian signal controls and bike racks. The project requires application to a middle school and not a high school.

By unanimous voice vote, the Resolution was approved.

The item was sent to CONSENT CALENDAR.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:02PM

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on September 10, 2009.**

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